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Reason For Change:

Section 87576 Food Service

Section 87716 Hospice Care for Terminally Ill Residents

Filing Instructions:

REMOVE – Pages 84, 118 and 120

INSERT – Pages 84, 118 and 120

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87711 INJECTIONS (Continued)**87711****PROCEDURE**

When evaluating the storage and handling of insulin or other injectable medications, check the container label(s) to make sure that individual syringes of injectable medications have not been set up in advance by anyone other than a pharmacist or the manufacturer (or, in the case of insulin only, a registered nurse).

87714 TRANSFER DEPENDENCY**87714**

Repealed by Manual Letter No. CCL-92-10, effective 7/21/92.

87716 HOSPICE CARE FOR TERMINALLY ILL RESIDENTS**87716****POLICY**

The hospice agency is responsible for managing a residents' hospice care. Licensees with hospice waivers are responsible for carrying out their part of the hospice care plan, such as ensuring that residents receive their medication(s) at the appropriate times and meeting the non-related hospice needs of the individual. The licensee is also responsible for ensuring that the hospice agency is present in the facility, as required in the hospice care plan, and is effectively managing the needs of the individual.

PROCEDURE

As part of the evaluation visit, verify the following:

- The facility has a hospice waiver;
- Facility staff are familiar with the hospice care plan;
- Hospice care is provided in accordance with the hospice care plan;
- Facility staff are not exceeding permitted levels of responsibility in caring for the medical needs of the resident.

(a)(3)**POLICY**

A licensee may also hold a hospice agency license, but may not require residents to use the facility-owned hospice agency or any other specific agency.

(a)(6)**PROCEDURE**

Encourage the licensee to discuss any concerns directly with the hospice agency. Frequent and effective communication between employees of the hospice agency and employees of the facility is essential to ensuring that the needs of the resident are met. If the licensee states that attempts to resolve resident care issues directly with the hospice agency have been unsuccessful, work directly with the hospice agency to address the concerns. Depending on the circumstances, consider reporting the hospice agency to the California Department of Health Services, Licensing and Certification district office that serves the county in which the facility is located.

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(j) POLICY

Because of the degree of medical oversight necessary, or due to contagious risks, individuals who need nasogastric tubes, or who have active communicable tuberculosis, will not be permitted to reside in the facility regardless of the individual's hospice status.

(l) POLICY

To admit or retain a resident who is bedridden, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 1569.72 (b), the following requirements must be met: *

1. The licensee must obtain and maintain a bedridden fire clearance, as required by Health and Safety Code Sections 1569.72 (c) and 1569.73 (h), if the resident will be bedridden for more than fourteen (14) days. If the resident will be bedridden for 14 days or less, the licensee is not required to obtain and maintain a fire clearance.
2. The licensee must notify the local fire authority, as required by Health and Safety Code Sections 1569.72 (f) and 1569.73 (h), within forty-eight (48) hours of admitting or retaining a resident who is bedridden, regardless of the length of time the resident will be bedridden.

* These requirements apply even if a resident is on hospice.

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(a) POLICY

Bedridden status **outside of hospice** [as defined in Regulation Section 87582(d)(1)] that exceeds 14 days is among the health-related conditions that require review by licensing staff to determine if the resident will be allowed to remain in the facility. See Regulation Interpretation Section 87582 for detailed information.

PROCEDURE

See Regulation Interpretation Section 87582 for detailed instructions.